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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Continuation Application of:

Applicants : Constantine J. Tsikos, et al.
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Honorable Commissioner
of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced Patent Application, please amend the same as follows:

AMENDMENT OF THE TITLE TO INVENTION

Please amend the Title To Invention to read as follows:

--METHOD OF SPECKLE-NOISE PATTERN REDUCTION AND APPARATUS THEREFOR BASED ON REDUCING THE TEMPORAL-COHERENCE OF THE PLANAR LASER ILLUMINATION BEAM BEFORE IT ILLUMINATES THE TARGET OBJECT BY APPLYING TEMPORAL PHASE MODULATION TECHNIQUES DURING THE TRANSMISSION OF THE PLIB TOWARDS THE TARGET--

AMENDMENT OF THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the first paragraph of Page 1, entitled "Cross-Reference to Related U.S. Application" as follows:

This is a ~~Continuation of copending Application No. 09/990,585 filed November 21, 2001 which is a~~ Continuation-in-Part of: copending Application Serial No. 09/999,687 [09/---,--- [not yet assigned]] filed October 31, 2001 [[Attorney Docket 108-146USA000]]; copending Application Serial No. 09/954,477 filed September 17, 2001; copending Application Serial No. 09/883,130 filed June 15, 2001, which is a